

REMARKS

Receipt of the Office Action of November 25, 2009 is gratefully acknowledged.

In the noted Office Action, the examiner objects to the abstract because it contains "means" and "said." The amended abstract filed with the Preliminary Amendment filed on May 22, 2007, corrects the errors noted and should be accepted.

The objection to claim 15 is noted. Claim 15 has been amended to correct the objection.

The rejection of claim 11 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph is noted. Claim 11 has been amended to overcome this rejection.

The rejection of claim 11 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph is noted and is respectfully traversed. Note the enclosed copy of Fig. 1 annotated to include the axis A-A. This axis is the concentric axis of the valve and the pressure transmitting conduits.

The rejection of claims 11 - 15 and 17 - 20 under 35 USC 103(a) over De'Longhi in view of Stiller et al, and the rejection of claim 16 under 35 USC 103(a) over De'Longhi in view of Stiller et al and Norton are noted and respectfully traversed.

Claim 11 has been amended to restrict it to a motor vehicle radiator and to include the subject matter of claims 13 and 14. The concentric feature, which is claimed, is not new matter as can be seen from the enclosed annotated copy of Fig. 1. This feature alone distinguishes the invention over

the combination proposed by the examiner. Also, the basis for combining De'Longhi with Stiller et al is missing. The problem addressed by applicant and Stiller et al are quite different so that the skilled person would not be expected to consult Stiller et al when addressing the problem facing applicant.

The examiner is urged to reconsider the objection and rejections in view of the above, to reexamine this RCE application and to advance a finding that claims 11, 12 and 15 - 20 are allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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